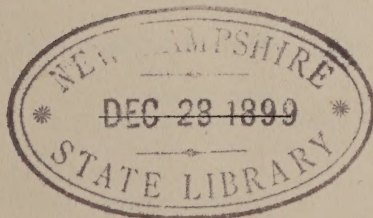


REPORT  
OF THE SELECTMEN,  
AND  
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

— OF —

CROYDON, N. H.,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1881.



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# REPORT

OF THE

## Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Croydon.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1881.

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for the support of schools,

Dist. No. 1,	Hial Call,	\$63 20	
" 2,	James W. Davis,	209 50	
" 3,	Andrew J. Sawyer,	140 27	
" 4,	Alfred Cutting,	68 16	
" 5,	David E. Carr,	41 96	
" 6,	George H. Jacobs,	52 76	
" 9,	Epaphras Paul,	14 56	
" 10,	Charles E. Thornton,	4 50	
	Eugene Rowell,	3 64	
	Adelbert L. Hurd,	2 12	
			\$600 67

Paid State tax,	\$560 00	
" County tax,	640 41	
		\$1,200 41

Paid William Barton, for breaking roads  
in 1879,

	\$5 00	
Henry Fletcher, breaking roads last year,	1 20	
O. C. Forehand, for plank,	48	
" for blank receipts,	75	
Dr. Currier, returning birth and deaths,	2 25	
O. C. Kibby, non-resident, highway tax paid in labor,	1 40	
O. C. Kibby, for damage done his sheep by dogs, 1879,	4 00	
J. H. Sherratt, damages done his sheep by dogs, 1879,	4 00	



Paid H. M. Austin, work on road and powder and drills,	\$4 00	
John Harding, repairing roads and bridges,	3 00	
S. H. Cutting, non-resident, highway tax paid in labor,	2 45	\$28 53
S. J. Brown, work on road,	4 00	
S. J. Brown, work on Flat bridge,	7 50	
C. H. Forehand, plank,	3 87	
C. H. Forehand, damage on highway, 1879,	25 00	
Worthen Hall, damage on highway, 1879,	150 00	
George Angell, damage on highway, 1879,	20 00	
Francis M. Cutting, non-resident, highway tax paid in labor,	2 45	
Charles P. Smith, breaking road in 1879,	1 00	
Humphrey & Hanson, plank,	20 71	
Humphrey & Hanson, for lumber and labor on Flat bridge,	23 43	
M. S. Fletcher, breaking road,	9 00	
M. S. Fletcher, repairing bridges,	6 82	
Bartlett Philbrick, work on road and bridges,	3 25	
Fred S. Putnam, work on road,	1 30	
Reuben Cooper, damage done his sheep by dogs, 1879,	15 00	
Harrison Stockwell, nails for the Flat bridge,	60	
James W. Davis, school-house tax, district No. 2,	25 00	
John Pettingill, work on road,	5 00	
Martin D. Dodge, work on the Flat bridge,	75	
Clark Rowell, for lumber and work on Flat bridge,	9 95	
Clark Rowell, breaking road,	75	
W. B. Kibby, for plank,	1 00	
W. B. Kibby, lumber and work on Flat bridge,	24 60	
H. C. Bartlett, work on road,	2 25	
H. C. Bartlett, breaking road,	2 00	
A. C. Crooker, watering trough on highway,	3 00	
Otis Cooper, plank and timber for bridges,	8 24	
Otis Cooper, watering trough on highway,	3 00	

Paid Sullivan Barton, printing school notices,	\$2 00
Sylvester Rowell, plank and repairing road,	15 29
Sylvester Rowell, breaking road,	8 04
J. S. Huntress, breaking road,	60
James Eastman, plank and repairing bridge,	4 00
James Eastman, breaking road,	1 40
Daniel Ryder, breaking road,	7 70
Charles Davis, plank and timber for bridges,	3 00
Charles Davis, breaking road,	7 00
Charles Rowell, breaking road,	4 68
W. W. Ryder, breaking road,	8 00
Warren R. Bartlett, breaking road,	2 50
George H. Jacobs, damage to sleigh and wagon on highway,	5 00
G. H. Jacobs, keeping water out the road.	3 00
Geo H. Jacobs, breaking road,	18 75
Adelbert L. Hurd, breaking road,	7 00
Worthen Hall, boards for the Flat bridge,	80
Eugene A. Rowell, breaking road,	1 00
Ruel D. Loverin, breaking road,	2 00
Daniel Ide, breaking road,	3 60
Alfred Cutting, breaking road,	3 50
Geo. Angell, breaking road,	3 90
Otis W. Putnam, plank,	2 00
Otis W. Putnam, work on Flat bridge,	1 00
Hial Call, breaking road,	5 20
Marshall Putnam, breaking road,	2 50
David E. Carr, breaking road,	1 70
Fred W. Putnam, breaking road,	60
Harrison Stockwell, work on roads,	15 37
Harrison Stockwell, breaking road,	1 00
Harrison Stockwell, work on Flat bridge,	13 20
F. Dodge, work on roads,	23 35
F. Dodge breaking roads,	6 70
Gilman Stockwell, work on road,	6 25
Gilman Stockwell, breaking roads,	8 50
E. H. Brown, stringer for bridge,	2 00
E. H. Brown, timber for Flat bridge,	5 07
David E. Carr, work on road,	1 88
D. E. Carr, timber for Flat bridge,	3 00
E. D. Comings, work on road,	1 50
E. D. Comings, breaking road,	3 35

Paid E. D. Comings, timber and work on Flat bridge,	\$22 50
H. W. Fletcher, work on road and breaking roads,	8 60
H. W. Fletcher, work on Flat bridge,	1 00
George Wash. Dunbar, plank,	17 54
G. W. Stockwell breaking roads,	7 50
G. W. Stockwell, work on roads,	10 00
A. J. Sawyer, breaking road,	4 00
A. J. Sawyer, work on Flat bridge,	2 00
Benj. Young, breaking road,	12 44
Ira Braley, breaking road,	7 75
R. D. Loverin, breaking road,	2 00
R. D. Loverin, damage on road,	1 00
R. D. Loverin, carrying Scott Carroll to County farm,	1 50
John Harding, breaking road,	1 00
Ruel Durkee, repairing road from V. B. Carroll's to Grantham line,	12 00
Ruel Durkee, work on road from Marshall Putnam's to top of Beech hill,	13 50
W. P. Partridge, breaking road,	1 80
For Record Book for Town Clerk,	5 00
J. H. Sherratt, breaking road,	2 03
J. W. Davis, breaking road,	3 00
W. W. Hall, work on road,	1 00
Wm. W. Hall, work on Flat bridge,	3 75
Town of Grantham, support of Alice Kempton, 1878,	22 10
Wesley Kempton, work on Flat bridge,	2 00
Elias Powers, damage done his sheep by dogs, 1879,	4 00
Benjamin Young, damage done his sheep by dogs, 1879,	3 00
Oscar F. Braley, damage on road,	5 00
John Loverin, nails for Flat bridge,	72
Wilson R. Stone, breaking roads,	64
Dr. Kempton, returning births,	25
Geo. W. Dunbar, nails for bridges,	60
G. W. Dunbar, powder, glass and tacks,	1 43
Fred Barton, breaking road,	6 00
Fred Barton, damage on road,	13 50
Nath'l Nelson, plank, timber and work on bridge, 1879,	3 57
Hial F. Nelson, breaking road,	1 57



Paid V. B. Carroll, breaking road,	\$6 10	
V. B. Carroll, breaking road, 1879,	2 50	
V. B. Carroll, breaking wagon,	2 00	
Horace L. Osborn, breaking road,	7 30	
Geo. Patten, breaking road,	1 06	
B. S. Philbrick, work under Flat bridge,	2 50	
B. S. Philbrick, work on road,	75	
M. P. Burpee, for plank,	14 50	
Printing this report,	10 00	
Stationery and postage,	10 00	
Ruel Durkee, for repairing bridges,	5 00	
Bounty on hawks,	2 40	
		———— \$894 43

### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Marshall Russell,	1880,	\$1 06	
Valentine M. Smith,	“	1 06	
Albert York,	“	1 06	
Edgar M. Fisher,	“	1 06	
Milan C. Cooper,	“	1 06	
			———— \$5 30

### OPENING GRAVES.

Paid William W. Hall, opening 4 graves in 1879,	\$7 75	
Wm. W. Hall, opening grave,	2 00	
Clarence O. Barton, opening 5 graves,	10 00	
B. F. Dame, opening grave, 1879,	2 00	
Chancy Marshall, opening grave,	2 00	
P. S. Blanchard, opening grave,	2 00	
W. W. Partridge, opening grave,	2 00	
Ira Braley, opening 3 graves,	6 00	
		———— \$33 75

### SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Geo. W. J. Goodhue, keeping Libbeus Heath one year, ending March 1st, 1881,	\$104 00	
Clothing Libbeus Heath,	4 00	

Paid Henry C. Bartlett, keeping Eva Kempton	
from Feb. 11th, 1880, to March 1st,	
1881,	\$54 57
Clothing Eva Kempton,	4 68
For support of Sherman W. Dodge,	59 47
D. C. Eastman, keeping John Lane one	
year, ending Jan. 25, 1881,	52 00
Clothing John Lane,	3 51
Support of T. Hilliard's family one year,	
ending Jan. 25. 1881,	112 33
Hiram Sanborn, supporting Zack	
Robbin's family on year ending Jan.	
25, 1881,	104 00
Ruel Durkee, keeping Granville Lane one	
year, ending Jan. 25th, 1881,	62 00
Clothing for Granville Lane,	14 85
Dr. Barton, for doctoring Granville Lane,	3 75
Miranda Crooker, keeping W. S. Carroll,	43 57
A. C. Crooker, keeping W. S. Carroll,	1 57
V. B. Carroll, keeping Siley Carroll one	
year, ending Jan. 25th, 1881,	104 00
Clothing Siley Carroll,	1 20
Benj. Young, keeping Alvin Young one	
year, ending Jan. 25th, 1881.	52 00
James Eastman, keeping Lyman Ryder,	
one year, ending Jan. 25, 1881,	78 00
John Harding, keeping Lizzie A. Hall	
one year. ending Jan. 25th, 1881,	78 00
Support of Sarah A. Thornton,	16 35
Support of Clark Hill's family,	6 26
Support of Mary Loverin and child.	7 00
Dr. Currier, for doctoring Mariah Bartlett,	6 75
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	\$1,003 86

Paid Town Officers,

Ruel Durkee, Selectman,	\$35 00
Sullivan J. Brown, Selectman,	20 00
Harrison Stockwell,	15 00
O. C. Forehand, Collector of taxes,	25 00
Alonzo Allen, Town Clerk,	15 00
Sullivan Barton, S. S. Committee,	15 00
Otis Cooper, Treasurer,	5 00
Nathan Hall, Supervisor,	5 00

Paid Albina Hall, Supervisor,	\$7 00
Pliny Hall                   “	4 00
E. D. Comings,           “	1 00
	<hr/> \$147 00

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER HAVE CREDITED THE  
TOWN AS FOLLOWS :

Received of the County of Sullivan for	
the support of paupers,	\$829 86
by list of taxes delivered to the collector,	2,727 80
Literary Fund,	54 76
Savings Bank tax,	342 85
Interest on school notes,	57 80
of the State, bounty on hawks	1 40
of last year's Treasurer,	393 65
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Total amount received,	\$4,408 12
Total amount paid out,	3,885 42
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Leaving balance in the Treasury,	\$522 70

Which is respectfully submitted.

RUEL DURKEE,	} Selectmen
SULLIVAN J. BROWN,	
HARRISON STOCKWELL,	
	of
	Croydon.

OTIS COOPER, Treasurer.





# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of schools, for the year ending March, 1881, is respectfully submitted :

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

In the summer Miss Mary I. Cutting instructed the pupils. The tuition was of an order of merit rarely excelled by long experienced talent in school-room work. Order, decorum and harmony, prevailed throughout the entire term. In the winter the services of Mr. Freidel S. Putnam were secured. Mr. Putnam is a young man of good qualifications and scholastic ability, and his courtly demeanor insured to him the love and confidence of his pupils. In the government of this school, the teacher manifested unusual talent in the work of teaching, and the term was, in every respect, a successful one.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

With the termination of the summer school, Miss Nellie L. Clough completed her sixth term in this district. It was, like the five preceding terms taught by her, models of the highest

properties of instruction. Energy faithfulness, thoroughness and ineffervescence, are among the distinguishing qualities which signalized her labors in teaching, and which commanded the esteem and confidence of those who intrusted, with her, the guidance of their children. Miss Clough enjoyed the reputation of being an amiable lady, a fine scholar, and a teacher of unsurpassed excellence. In the fall Miss Hattie S. Davis received the scepter of instruction. Miss Davis is a lady of strongly fixed Christian principles, and possessed a deep sense of the responsibilities she assumed with the commencement of the work of the term. She labored earnestly and zealously to promote the interests of her pupils, and that she succeeded in her efforts was attested at the public exercises near the close of the term, which showed that the pupils had been most thoroughly drilled in their studies, and that the teacher's elucidation of principles was highly complimentary. Mr. Josiah Davis, a gentleman of large experience in teaching, taught in the winter. Beginning with a perfect systematization of the classes, and being possessed with a remarkable gift for presenting, in a clear and practical manner, the topics which the pupils had been unable to master, and in awakening them to a deep enthusiasm in their studies, he brought the school to a most successful termination.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

In this district two sessions of school were had with Mrs. Mary E. Putnam as teacher. Each term was a model of excellence. Each term comprised, in itself, the aggregate of the characteristic qualities of a first-class school. Propriety of school-room conduct and decorum prevailed at all times. At the final examination of the summer term, the school-room was most beautifully adorned with leaflet and floral decorations; and the several class recitations showed that strict and correct instruction had been the unremitting work of the teacher. Mrs. Putnam began the winter term under very favorable auspices; but through some mysterious dispensation of divine Provi-



dence, she was called upon to lay aside the labors of earth, and to pass beyond "the warm precincts of the cheerful day." Her early death, inspired, among pupils, parents and friends, a general emotion of sorrow, and even a profound and universal sense of bereavement.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

The work of instructing the pupils of this district in the summer was intrusted to Miss Clara B. Barton. Miss Barton seems, instinctively, to possess those requisites necessary to a successful teacher. The school was conducted with signal ability; and the teacher, at the final inspection, acquitted herself in a manner to presage for her a very successful course in the disciplinary work of intellectual development. In the winter Mr. Frank O. Chellis accepted the position of teacher. Mr. Chellis is a gentleman of scholarly tastes and rare accomplishments, and is eminently qualified for his chosen vocation. The pupils, under his drill in the principles of elocution, made marked improvement, while unusual progress was made in the various other branches pursued.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

In this district the whole amount of school money was expended in a single term with Mr. Rev. E. Farwell as teacher. The attendance of pupils was small, yet the teacher, in direction of his little school, exhibited tact and talent for the work. At the final examination, the pupils answered promptly and readily, and seemed thoroughly imbued with a love of study.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

The summer school was conducted by Miss Bertha M. Cooper. It was her first experience in teaching, and she made the term very profitable. Harmonious feelings existed between teacher and pupils; and the positiveness with which the latter

gave their answers at the public exercises of the school, demonstrated that they had been awakened to a deep interest in their studies. Miss Anna B. Swain took charge of the fall term. The teacher was kind and courteous in her bearing, and in the beginning won the esteem and good-will of the pupils which continued through the entire term. Her labors, in the management of this school, were eminently successful.

### A CLOSING WORD.

The schools of this town during the two years that they have been under my supervision, have enjoyed, it is believed, a degree of prosperity which compares favorably with that of former years. Teachers, in every instance, have been well qualified to instruct in their respective schools. School-officers and parents, generally, have manifested a deep interest in the educational work of the town. Never, before, within my remembrance, have the closing examination exercises been so well attended by parents and citizens. Yet, notwithstanding the favorable condition of your public schools, much might be done to enhance their present usefulness, and much *must* be done to keep them abreast with the advancing tide of progress. A text-book which was universally adopted by the leading educators of ten, or even five years ago, is, to-day perhaps, obsolescent; a system of instruction in advance then, should now no longer be practiced. For instance, the method now used to teach the beginner to read, that by first learning the letters of the alphabet, then by naming the letters of words and giving their pronunciation, should give way to the word and phonic methods.

The subject of common school education is of great importance, and demands the attention and study of every intelligent citizen. The preservation of our democratic institutions depends, to a great extent, upon a judicious treatment of the public-school system. Among the higher institutions of learning, there is none whose importance assumes the magnitude of

the common school. It is where the masses are educated. It is where the youth of our land begin their upward march "in the world of ideas." From these noble temples of liberty, the current of young life perpetually flows toward the world's great reservoir of thought, knowledge and action.

In concluding my second annual report, and closing my labors with the public schools of this town, I desire to extend to parents and citizens heart-felt expression of thanks for the respect and esteem which has so generally been manifested toward me.

SULLIVAN BARTON.



# Tabular View of Schools.

No. of District.		Terms—1 Summer, 2 Fall, 3 Winter.	Names of Teachers.										Length of School in Weeks.		Whole Attendance.		Average daily Attendance.		No. pupils between 5 and 15 years of age not attending.		No. pupils under 5 years of age.		No. pupils over 15 years of age.		No. pupils between 5 and 15 years of age.		No. pupils who have not been absent.		No. studying "higher branches."		Wages of Teachers.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														















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